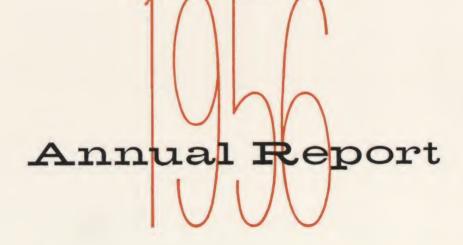
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Annual Report

for the fiscal year ended March 2, 1957

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THE GRAND UNION COMPANY

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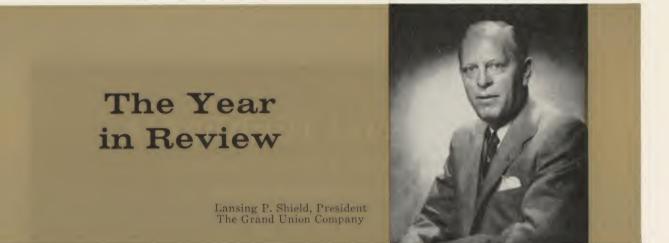
100 Broadway, East Paterson, N. J.

Financial Highlights

The Grand Union Company and its subsidiaries

	1956	1955
NET SALES	\$374,155,488	\$283,003,166
EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES	\$10,049,315	\$7,284,125
FEDERAL INCOME TAXES	\$5,000,000	\$3,700,000
NET EARNINGS	\$5,049,315	\$3,584,125
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	\$2.43	\$1.80 [*]
TOTAL INVENTORIES	\$26,746,000	\$ 21,967,944
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	13,500	10,500
NUMBER OF COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	5,673	4,535

^{*}Based on shares outstanding at the end of the year, adjusted for 5% common stock dividend paid May 25, 1956. Earnings per share are stated after dividends paid on the 4½% Cumulative Preferred Stock.



Letter to Stockholders of The Grand Union Company

Sales and earnings of The Grand Union Company during the fiscal year 1956 were the highest in the company's eighty-four year history.

Of even greater significance, however, were the steps taken during the twelve months to insure the continued future growth of the Company. Among these were:

- Formation of a realty corporation to locate and develop large regional shopping centers throughout the East in which Grand Union will have the right of first refusal on supermarket locations.
- Development of the Triple-S trading stamp corporation into a leader in its field.
- Decentralization of two divisions of the company to increase operating efficiency.
- pany to increase operating efficiency.

 Successful operation of the largest non-food department ever installed in the East.
- Initiation of large-scale, 24-hour out-door automatic food vending on an experimental basis.
- Construction, almost completed, of the first unit of the company's largest, most modern food distribution center.

RECORD HIGHS REACHED IN SALES AND NET PROFITS

Record sales and earnings and the payment of increased dividends to stockholders were financial highlights of the year.

Sales for the 52-week period ended March 2, 1957, totaled \$374,155,488. This was 32.2% higher than the record-breaking \$283,003,166 in sales achieved in the 53-week fiscal year of 1955. Not only were the current year's sales greater than ever; the percentage increase over 1955 set

a new high for the Company.

Earnings, which also reached a record level, were \$5,049,315 equal to \$2.43 per common share during 1956 compared with \$3,584,125 or \$1.90 per share during fiscal 1955, an increase of 41%. Fiscal 1956 per share figures are based on 1,979,102 shares of Common Stock outstanding, par value \$5 per share, as against 1,759,031 shares of such stock outstanding at the close of fiscal 1955.

During the past fiscal year cash dividends of \$.60 per share of Common Stock were paid to stockholders. In addition, a stock dividend in the amount of 5%, was paid in May. This compares with cash payments equivalent to \$.57½ per share and a 4% stock dividend in 1955.

After the close of the 1956 fiscal year, the Board of Directors at a meeting on April 12, 1957, voted a 5% stock dividend and a quarterly cash dividend of 18¢ per share on the company's common stock, both payable on May 24 to stockholders of record April 29. Through the latter action, the annual rate of the cash dividend on common stock was increased by 20%, from 60¢ to 72¢.

PURCHASE OF FLORIDA CHAIN HIGHLIGHTED YEAR'S EXPANSION PROGRAM

Grand Union began operating supermarkets in the deep South for the first time during 1956 when the four-store "B-Thrifty" chain of Miami, Florida, was purchased in June. The scope of the company's operations in the prosperous, rapidly growing South Florida area was rapidly expanded by the opening of a fifth B-Thrifty store in August, purchase of the two "Value" markets in November and the three "Tanner" stores in January. Grand Union Supermarkets, Inc. of Florida, now operating 10 stores, is the third largest food chain in the Miami area, having captured approximately 12% of the retail food business there within nine months.

Leases have been signed for three additional stores in Florida and plans are being made for

future expansion.

Completing a long-planned addition to its stores operating in the Mid-Hudson Valley, Grand Union last June acquired the highly successful six-store chain of supermarkets operated by Food Center Supermarkets, Inc. from headquarters in Peekskill, N. Y. The new Food Center group greatly strengthens Grand Union's representation in the

prosperous Hudson Valley area.

All told, Grand Union acquired 17 markets by purchase during the year. Twenty-eight new supermarkets were opened and six supermarkets were enlarged and modernized. Thirty-four outmoded stores, many of them service units, were closed. At year's end, Grand Union was operating 356 food markets in nine states, the District of Columbia and Canada. This compares with 345 stores in operation at the beginning of the year.

EASTERN SHOPPING CENTERS, INC.

Increasing competition among retail food chains for desirable shopping center locations caused the company during 1956 to organize Eastern Shopping Centers, Inc. Capitalized initially at \$6,280,-000, this realty corporation is to build and operate shopping centers throughout the Eastern part of the United States. Grand Union has first right to lease supermarket units in all centers built by Eastern.

During August, 1956, Grand Union stockholders and debenture holders were offered rights to purchase 2,140,000 shares of Common Stock of the new corporation. The issue was promptly over-subscribed. In addition, 1,000,000 shares were purchased by The Grand Union Company.

Grand Union transferred ownership of three shopping center sites — in Wall Township, N. J., Owego, N. Y. and West Springfield, Massachusetts -to the new corporation. Since then properties have been acquired by Eastern in or near Washington, D. C.; St. Petersburg and Bradenton, Fla. Options to purchase additional sites have been obtained in Vestal, N. Y. and other locations.

The first shopping center to be developed by Eastern is expected to open in July in Wall Township, N. J. Grand Union will operate the sole supermarket in the center.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIPLE-S

To keep pace with the rapid spread of trading stamps as a sales promotion aid in the retail food

industry, Grand Union organized the Stop and Save Trading Stamp Corporation early in 1956. This wholly-owned subsidiary, which distributes "Triple-S Blue Stamps", has developed into one of the foremost organizations in the stamp field.

More than 2,000,000 people, customers of Grand Union markets and 2,600 other retail establishments, now save Blue Stamps each week. Stamps are being redeemed in constantly increasing quantities in 29 modern Triple-S Redemption Centers which have been opened since last March.

DECENTRALIZATION

Experience has proved that greater efficiency in operations results when full authority over store operations, merchandising, sales promotion, store development and distribution is placed in the hands of local management. Accordingly, Grand Union's planned program of decentralization at the Division level was continued in 1956.

The 54-store Central Division began decentralized operations from its new Headquarters in East Syracuse, N. Y. in February, following months of

intensive preparation.

Developments in the southern part of New Jersey, including plans for future expansion, led to the decision to decentralize in that area. Accordingly, in January, a new South Jersey Division was set up on a decentralized basis.

DEVELOPMENT OF NON-FOODS

Pioneering has been characteristic of Grand Union through the years. An admittedly experimental development in 1956, but one presaging the scope of supermarkets to come, was the doubling in size of the store at Keansburg, N. J. to accommodate the largest non-foods department yet to be installed in any of the markets. Now providing almost an acre of shopping space, and having frontage of more than a city block, this "one-stop" supermarket offers the customer more

> Grand Union's supermarket in Keansburg, N. J. was doubled in size during the year by a 20,000 square foot addition in which only non-food merchandise is sold.



than 20,000 items of merchandise, approximately 15,000 of them in the non-foods department.

AUTOMATIC VENDING

Another innovation in marketing introduced by Grand Union during the past year was roundthe-clock, all-night, Sunday and holiday shopping through a battery of eight vending machines recessed into the front of the East Paterson store. These machines provide as many as 50 different items, including eggs, bread, coffee, meats, fish, butter, cheeses and other staples.

Still experimental, this installation is providing needed experience to guide the Company in its exploration of the yet uncharted field of automation as applied to retail selling.

NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

Continued rapid expansion of operations in the Middle Atlantic area led the Company to acquire a 38-acre site in Mt. Kisco, N. Y. last Fall on which to construct a new Metropolitan Distribution Center. The first unit of this 600,000 square foot Center, one of the largest, most modern and complete food distribution installations in the East, is now nearing completion. When it opens this summer, it will serve Grand Union markets operating in lower New York State and Connecticut. These stores are now being supplied from our distribution center in Carlstadt, N. J.

Plans have also been completed for a new 145,-000 square foot Canadian Distribution Center, which will include 20,000 square feet of office space, in Toronto. Construction is expected to begin this Spring, and the Center should be in operation next summer.

Completion of these two new distribution centers will make it possible to insure efficient service for the growing number of new, larger supermarkets which have been projected for both the Middle Atlantic and Canadian Divisions within the next few years.

New Metropolitan Distribution Center in Mount Kisco, N. Y., one of the largest, most modern food distribution installations in the East, will begin operations this summer.



PERSONNEL PROGRAM

One of the Company's guiding principles in employee relations is that all employees, at every level, should have an opportunity to share in profits. Experience has shown that this is best accomplished through the operation of an Employees' Restricted Stock Option Plan.

The Company's original Stock Option Plan was established in 1951. At the annual meeting last May, stockholders approved a proposal by management that a new Stock Option Plan, calling for the eventual distribution of 200,000 shares of Common Stock, be made available to employees. Shortly after the 1956 plan became effective, more than 140,000 shares of Common Stock were placed under option for eventual distribution.

During the year, 703 employees exercised their options to purchase 21,649 shares of Grand Union stock. Employees who thus become partowners of the Company remain with the Company longer and contribute more effectively to successful operations.

One segment of Grand Union's management training program — advanced training in food distribution for selected employees at Michigan State University — was given special emphasis. The Michigan State course, which is the only one of its kind in the United States, offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in food distribution. Grand Union has been a leader in this program since its inception eight years ago.

Last year eight Grand Union employees studied at the University, four on company scholarships, three on scholarships provided by food industry suppliers, and one on a scholarship received from "Opportunities Unlimited".

ROUTE DIVISION

The Route Division, which now has 416 direct-to-the-home sales routes covering a 23-state area extending from Maine to Utah, continued to be consolidated during the year.

At the end of the year efficiency and average sales per route were near an all-time high.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the year two new directors were elected to the Board. Your company feels it is fortunate, indeed, to have William I. Myers and Raymond H. Fogler associated with Grand Union. Dr. Myers is Dean of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, and a member of the Boards of Directors of a number of major corporations. Mr. Fogler, former President of the W. T. Grant Co., was until recently Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

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Picture Highlights of 1956

Eight days after Grand Union's "Headquarters" supermarket in East Paterson, N. J. was closed by fire in July, 1956, customers were thronging the "Big Top" supermarket under canvas which served as a replacement for three months.

Unique curved Food-O-Mat, first of its kind, is feature of enlarged, completely renovated "Headquarters" supermarket in East Paterson which re-opened in October, 1956.





Attractive interior of one of twenty-nine new Triple-S Redemption Centers opened during year in Grand Union communities from Albany, New York to Miami, Florida.

Shopping never stops at Grand Union's Food-O-Matic, battery of eight outdoor vending machines recessed into the front wall of the East Paterson store. It offers customers an around-the-clock choice of some fifty food items.







Donald St. Hilaire, manager of Grand Union's store in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., is shown with his wife as Congressman Dean P. Taylor congratulates him on receiving the 1956 "Good Citizenship" award from The National Association of Food Chains. Don was one of twelve chain store managers in the nation so honored.



Shopping is a pleasure in Grand Union's "stores of tomorrow", as evidenced by this delighted pair admiring the distinctive design of the "Hospitality Bar" in a recently opened supermarket.



Grand Union's arch-roofed supermarket in Utica is one of the largest stores in central New York state. It opened in May, 1956.

Stores operated by Grand Union Supermarkets, Inc. of Florida have doubled in number since this fifth "B-Thrifty" market opened in Miami last August.





THE GRAND UNION Consolidated

ASSETS

Current assets:	MARCH 2, 1957	MARCH 3, 1956
Cash	\$ 7,166,232	\$ 5,675,756
U. S. Government obligations, at cost	-	4,485,829
Accounts receivable, less allowance for losses	2,119,641	2,001,958
Properties under construction, to be sold and leased back	4,133,006	_
Inventories, at the lower of cost or market (Note 1)	26,746,000	21,967,944
Total current assets	40,164,879	34,131,487
Investment in affiliated company, at cost (Note 2)	2,000,000	_
amortization; 1957, \$10,200,903; 1956, \$7,359,380:		
Warehouse and store properties	5,878,235	6,198,247
Fixtures and equipment	22,024,916	16,732,023
Leasehold improvements	4,599,696	3,139,719
Premiums advanced to customers, less allowance for losses	580,526	617,528
Operating and construction supplies	558,189	686,494
Other assets and deferred charges	1,419,288	990,008
Cost of investments in subsidiaries over related net assets		
at dates of acquisition	2,236,863	1,396,140
	\$79,462,592	\$63,891,646

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1 Cost of inventories is determined as follows: at warehouses, "average" or "first-in, first-out"; at retail outlets, "retail method."
- 2 The investment represents approximately 32% of the outstanding common stock of Eastern Shopping Centers, Inc., organized in May 1956 to acquire, develop and operate shopping centers. The net assets of Eastern Shopping Centers, Inc. at December 31, 1956 amounted to \$6,176,696.
- 3 The debentures are convertible into common stock at a price of \$20.74 principal amount of debentures for each share of stock. The conversion price increases after September 15, 1959 and is subject to certain adjustments as specified in the indenture.
- 4 Certain of the note agreements and the debenture indenture contain provisions as to the maintenance of working capital and payment of cash dividends. The most restrictive of these provides that consolidated working capital may not be less than \$12,000,000 and that payments for net acquisitions of the company's stocks and for cash dividends will be limited in the aggregate to 75% of the consolidated net earnings after February 26, 1955. Since February 26, 1955, 75% of the consolidated net earnings have exceeded such payments by approximately \$3,870,000.
- 5 The company, under employees' restricted stock option plans, has granted options to certain officers and employees to purchase shares of common stock at 95% of market price on the dates the options were granted.

COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

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Current liabilities:	MARCH 2, 1957	MARCH 3, 1956
Bank loans and acceptances payable	\$ 3,922,482	\$ 724,639
Promissory notes due within one year	500,000	500,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17,430,916	13,802,710
Provision for federal income taxes	4,596,798	3,558,404
Total current liabilities	26,450,196	18,585,753
Promissory notes payable after one year in varying		
amounts annually through 1972	12,537,500	13,037,500
31/2% Convertible subordinated debentures, due 1969 (Note 3)	2,558,900	3,180,900
Liability for unredeemed trading stamps, less estimated		
amount included in current accrued expenses	1,430,000	
Other noncurrent liabilities and reserves	818,569	472,220
	\$43,795,165	\$35,276,373
CAPITAL		
4½% Cumulative preferred stock, \$50 par value, callable at \$52		
per share; authorized 116,000 shares, issued 115,529 shares	\$ 5,776,450	\$ 5,776,450
Common stock, \$5 par value, authorized 4,000,000 shares, issued		
1,980,453 shares at March 2, 1957 (Notes 3 and 5)	9,902,265	8,801,910
Capital surplus, as annexed	14,599,728	9,547,414
Earnings retained for use in the business, as annexed (Note 4)	5,589,960	4,690,378
	35,868,403	28,816,152
Less, Treasury stock at cost (1351 common shares, \$5,239;		
4538 preferred shares, \$195,737; at March 2, 1957)	200,976	200,879
	\$35,667,427	\$28,615,273
	\$79,462,592	\$63,891,646

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Options granted are exercisable at various dates to December 31, 1965. A summary of transactions for the current fiscal year with respect to stock options under the plans follows:

Options outstanding March 3, 1956	$63,204 \\ 135,250 \\ 3,295$
Options cancelled	201,749
Options outstanding March 2, 1957 at prices ranging from \$11.10 to \$29.24 per share	174,819

There were 3241 and 68775 additional shares available for future options at the beginning and end of the year, respectively.

- **6** The companies have 238 leases expiring after February 29, 1960 applicable to properties in operation at March 2, 1957. The minimum annual rentals on such leases aggregate approximately \$4,080,000 of which \$1,810,000 applies to leases expiring prior to March 1, 1967 and \$2,270,000 applies to leases expiring thereafter but prior to 1991.
- **7** Costs and expenses include depreciation and amortization of \$2,676,693 and \$2,040,132 for the periods ended in 1957 and 1956, respectively.

Consolidated Statements

INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

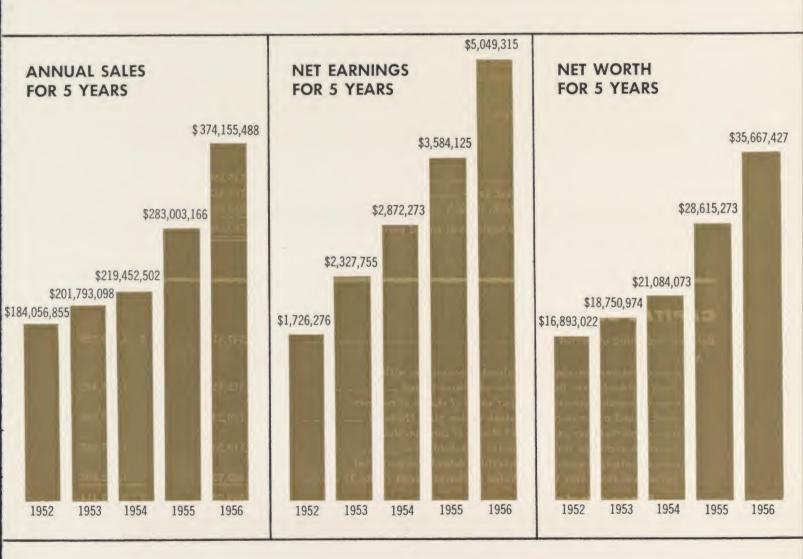
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CAPITAL SURPLUS Balance, beginning of period	In cash, \$.60 per share In common stock, based on market price	2,754,412	1,769,432
Balance, beginning of period			
Add: Excess of retained earnings capitalized in connection with stock dividends over the par value of shares issued	CAPITAL SURPLUS		
Excess of retained earnings capitalized in connection with stock dividends over the par value of shares issued		\$ 9,547,414	\$ 4,199,728
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stock issued under employees' stock option plan (Note 5)		2,310,152	1,453,462
issued in exchange for investments in subsidiaries	stock issued under employees' stock option plan (Note 5)	160,231	383,793
to common stock over the par value of shares issued (Note 3)	issued in exchange for investments in subsidiaries	2,119,205	1,797,625
		462,726	1,712,806

5-Year Comparisons

RELATING TO OPERATIONS

YEAR	NET SALES	EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES ON INCOME	FEDERAL INCOME TAXES	NET EARNINGS	EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE*
1956	\$374,155,488	\$10,049,315	\$5,000,000	\$5,049,315	\$2.43
1955	\$283,003,166	\$7,284,125	\$3,700,000	\$3,584,125	\$1.80
1954	\$219,452,502	\$5,622,273	\$2,750,000	\$2,872,273	\$1.67
1953	\$201,793,098	\$4,402,755	\$2,075,000	\$2,327,755	\$1.35
1952	\$184,056,855	\$3,051,276	\$1,325,000	\$1,726,276	\$.98

*Based on shares outstanding at the end of the respective periods adjusted for (a) subsequent common stock dividends which were paid at the rate of 5% during each of the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956, and at the rate of 4% during the year 1955, and (b) the two-for-one split effective May 26, 1955. Earnings per share are stated after dividends paid on the $4\frac{1}{2}$ % Cumulative Preferred Stock.



THE GRAND UNION COMPANY

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

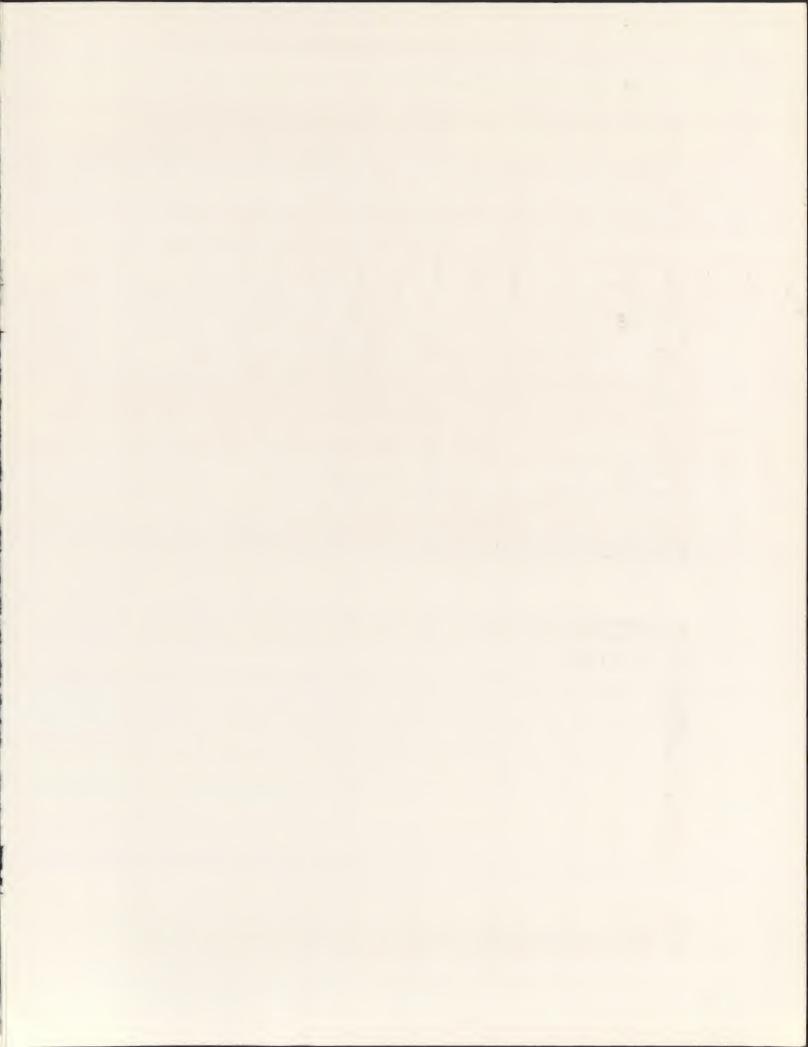
The Grand Union Company, East Paterson, New Jersey

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of The Grand Union Company and its subsidiaries as of March 2, 1957 and the related statements of income and retained earnings and of capital surplus for the fifty-two weeks then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records of the companies and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We were furnished with financial statements of certain domestic subsidiaries, together with the reports thereon of other accountants. We made a similar examination for the fifty-three weeks ended March 3, 1956.

In our opinion, based upon our examinations and upon the above-mentioned reports of other accountants, the accompanying balance sheets and related statements of income and retained earnings and of capital surplus (pages 8 to 10) present fairly the consolidated financial positionof The Grand Union Company and its subsidiaries at March 2, 1957 and March 3, 1956 and the consolidated results of their operations for the respective periods then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

New York, April 23, 1957

Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery



GRAND UNION operates Food Markets in nine eastern states, the District of Columbia and Canada

CANTON

CARMEL.

CHAMPLAIN

CONNECTICUT

BRISTOL
DANBURY
DARIEN
FAIRFIELD
GLENBROOK
GREENWICH
HAMDEN
MANCHESTER
NAUGATUCK
NEW CANAAN
NEW HAVEN
STAMFORD
WEST HAVEN

MARYLAND

BETHESDA HYATTSVILLE OXON HILLS RIVERDALE ROCKVILLE TACOMA PARK WHEATON

MASSACHUSETTS

GREENFIELD

NEW JERSEY

ASBURY PARK BERGENFIELD BLAIRSTOWN BRANCHVILLE BURLINGTON CEDAR GROVE CLIFTON (2) DENVILLE EAST PATERSON (2) EAST RUTHERFORD ENGLEWOOD FAIR LAWN (2) FREEHOLD GLEN RIDGE GLEN ROCK HACKENSACK HALEDON HAWTHORNE HO-HO-KUS

KEANSBURG MAYWOOD MIDLAND PARK MIDVALE MORRISTOWN MT. HOLLY NEWTON NIXON NORTH ARLINGTON OGDENSBURG ORADELI. PATERSON PLAINFIELD POMPTON LAKES RAHWAY RAMSEY RIDGEWOOD RUTHERFORD SAYREVILLE SOUTH RIVER SPRINGFIELD SUMMIT TENAFLY TOMS RIVER UNION WALDWICK WASHINGTON WEST ENGLEWOOD WEST ORANGE WESTWOOD WYCKOFF

NEW YORK

ADAMS AFTON ALBANY AMSTERDAM APALACHIN ARMONK AUBURN AU SABLE FORKS BABYLON BAINBRIDGE BALLSTON SPA BATH BAYSHORE BEACON BINGHAMTON (5) BOLTON LANDING BOONVILLE

CHAPPAQUA COBLESKILL COLD SPRING COOPERSTOWN CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON CORTLAND CROGHAN CROTON-ON-HUDSON CROWN POINT DANSVILLE DEL.HI DELMAR DE WITT DOVER PLAINS EAST SYRACUSE EAST WILLISTON **ELIZABETHTOWN** ELMIRA(3) ENDICOTT(2) FISHKILL FORT EDWARD GARDEN CITY (2) GLENS FALLS (2) GOSHEN GRANVILLE GREAT NECK (2) HAMILTON HANCOCK HARTSDALE HAVERSTRAW HERMON HIGHLAND HIGHLAND FALLS HIGHLAND MILLS HOBART HOOSICK FALLS HORSEHEADS HUDSON HUDSON FALLS HYDE PARK INDIAN LAKE IRVINGTON ITHACA JOHNSON CITY JORDAN KEESEVILLE KINGSTON (2) LAKE GEORGE LAKE PLACID LARCHMONT (2) LEVITTOWN (2) LONG LAKE LOWVILLE MAHOPAC MAMARONECK MANHASSET MARATHON MIDDLETOWN MILLBROOK MONROE MORAVIA MOUNT VERNON NANUET NASSAII NEWBURGH (2) NEW PALTZ NEW ROCHELLE

QUEENS (8) NYACK ONEIDA ONEONTA OSSINING OWEGO PAINTED POST PAWLING PEARL RIVER PEEKSKILL PELHAM MANOR PERU PINE PLAINS PLAINVIEW PLATTSBURGH PLEASANTVILLE PORT HENRY PORT JERVIS PORT WASHINGTON POUGHKEEPSIE (2) RED HOOK REMSEN RENSSELAER RHINEBECK ROCKVILLE CENTRE ROUSES POINT RYE SALEM SARANAC LAKE SARATOGA SAUGERTIES SCHENECTADY (2) SCHROON LAKE SCHUYLERVILLE SCOTIA (2) SOUTH GLENS FALLS SPRING VALLEY SUFFERN SYRACUSE TARRYTOWN (2) TICONDEROGA TROY TUCKAHOE TUPPER LAKE TUXEDO UNION UTICA VALLEY STREAM VESTAL WALDEN WANTAGH W'APPINGERS FALLS WARRENSBURG WARWICK WASHINGTONVILLE WATERLOO WATERTOWN WATERVILLE WATERVLIET WAVERLY WAYLAND WESTPORT WHITEHALL

NEW YORK (24)

MANHATTAN (9)

BRONX (7)

PENNSYLVANIA

BLOSSBURG GALETON MATAMORAS MILFORD WILKES-BARRE

VERMONT

BARRE BENNINGTON BRANDON BRATTLEBORO BRISTOL BURLINGTON (2) FAIRHAVEN IOHNSON MANCHESTER CENTER MORRISVILLE NEWPORT NORTH BURLINGTON NORTHFIELD ST. ALBANS WILMINGTON WINOOSKI

VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA (3) ARLINGTON (4) FAIRFAX FALLS CHURCH (2) RICHMOND

WASHINGTON, D. C. (5)

FLORIDA

MIAMI (10)

ONTARIO, CANADA

ACTON AJAX ANCASTER AYLMER BRANTFORD BURLINGTON CALEDONIA DELHI DUNDAS DUNNVILLE FERGUS GAIT GEORGETOWN GRIMSBY **GUELPH** HAGERSVILLE HAMILTON (7) INGERSOIL. KITCHENER (2) LONDON (2) NIAGARA FALLS NORWICH OAKVILLE STONY CREEK STRATHROY TORONTO WELLAND WESTON





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